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▶ Leafs forward Mikhail Grabovski upends Daniel Winnik of the Colorado Avalanche in a game last night at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. Colorado scored in overtime to beat the Leafs 3-2. Story, page 15.

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Avalanche down Leafs in Toronto

Budget may get sexy tech makeover

App idea aims to engage residents in city budgeting ◐ Similar to trash-collection app

Apple's catchphrase "There's an app for that" could soon become the chatter around city hall if a plan to spice up the 2012 municipal budget gets the go-ahead.

UnLondon founders Adam Caplan, Titus Ferguson and Bill Deys are working with city officials on a $10,000 contest designed to make the numbers a tad cooler.

"The assumption is that people are going to take the city budget and build web applications, mobile applications and even desktop applications," Caplan said.

No one knows what shape the applications will take — that's what the contest is all about.

"At its most basic, it (would) allow you to access the budget in a more palatable and consumable way," Caplan said.

Possibilities include a program that presents the numbers in graphics form or one that lets people see the impact of suggested budget cuts played out in a video game similar to SimCity.

City administrators have agreed to open up the source data — finances in this case. Now, it's up to councillors to approve spending $10,000 on the project.

More than half the money would go toward prizes for the best apps, and the rest would go toward promotions or other costs.

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About UnLondon

- UnLondon is a nonprofit that aims to embrace new ideas through technology and social-media platforms.
- The group has hundreds of members, many of whom are involved in web development, design and digital media.

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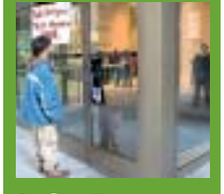

So far, Bay Street rat-racers have been too preoccupied to pay much mind to their occupiers. Video at metronews.ca/video

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Downtown rebounding, but 'it can be better': Official

New report card is proof that mayor's 'vision plan' is worth effort, money: Downtown official

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Assessed values are up, more storefronts are filled and building permits are making a rebound.

So why move ahead with an estimated $70-million plan to overhaul the city's core? Janette MacDonald, manager of Downtown London, put it simply: "It can be better."

"It's not done," MacDonald said about downtown's growth. "Just because it's going well does not mean that it's perfect."

That said, MacDonald admits there's a bit of a "wow" factor in the latest State of the Downtown report.

The downtown report card is presented to city councillors every other year. The latest version, which members of the built and natural environment committee received last night, shows marked improvement from 2009 and looks even better when compared to data reported in 2002.

MacDonald considers a jump in the assessed values of properties as one of the biggest wins. Values have increased 59 per cent — to $902 million from $567.6 million — since 2002, a hike attributed largely to new highrise apartment buildings like The Renaissance, 71 King St. Between 2009 and 2011, the rate of growth in downtown assessments — 15.1 per cent — exceeded the city-wide growth rate of six per cent, according to the report.

Boiled down, all that growth means more tax dollars funnelled into city coffers.

"That's a critical measure," MacDonald said. "When the downtown is economically strong like this, that relieves the suburbs of their tax burden."

Quick facts

- Each of downtown's major corridors saw assessment values increase in 2010. King Street increased the most at 137.7 per cent. Clarence Street increased the least at 1.4 per cent.
- The median value of building permits issued downtown increased by 25 per cent in 2010. Since 2000, 1,135 building permits have been issued.
- Street-level vacancies have decreased 1.2 per cent on major corridors since 2009. King Street had the lowest rate at nine per cent followed by Richmond Street at 10.9 per cent.

Win. A million

▶ Metro promoter Jack Porter hands out papers in style yesterday morning on Dundas Street.

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Dressed for successful campaign

Metro promoter Jack Porter was wearing a tuxedo as part of a promotion for the London Health Sciences Foundation's Win a Million Lottery campaign. Proceeds from the annual fundraiser go to the London Health Sciences Centre. For more information, visit winamillionlottery.ca.

Sexual assault suspect sought

London police are requesting the public's help in finding a suspect in a sexual assault.

A man shopping in the Sears Outlet Store at 530 Oxford St. W. on Saturday afternoon approached a female sales associate requesting assistance.

When the sales associate attempted to help, the man sexually assaulted her. The suspect left through the north exit into the parking lot.

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Description

- The suspect is described as white with a darker complexion, six-foot-one, 250 pounds and about 40 years old.

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▶ Assault suspect

News in brief

Tickets for To Master the Art

The Canadian premiere of To Master the Art, a look at the life of Julia Child, takes the Grand Theatre's main stage from tonight to Nov. 5. For tickets, visit grandtheatre.com. METRO

Man charged with arson plot

London police have charged a St. Thomas man with planning an arson at his own business and then collecting $1.3 million in insurance. Early Feb. 1, 2009, a fire occurred at RGB productions. Yesterday, London police charged 41-year-old owner Jamie Saunders. METRO

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▶ Police Chief Brad Duncan displays a Hero Bear yesterday, which officers are handing out to people as part of LUSO Community Services' 1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge. Meredith Fraser, co-ordinator of LUSO's anti-hate and anti-bias program, is in charge of the challenge.

Police offer up 'a little kindness'

1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge started Oct. 1 and continues through until the end of the month

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Londoners are performing nearly 53 kind acts a day as the clock ticks down in the 1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge.

The city's kindness-act total stood at about 900 yesterday morning as police got rolling on an effort to up the ante.

Officers started the day with more than 500 stuffed animals — dubbed Hero Bears and dressed in patrol or tactical uniforms — that they planned to give away at random. The effort was made possible through financial support from Scotiabank, Chief Brad Duncan said.

"We know we can make a difference in our community," Duncan said.

"What I'm hoping ... is that our officers are out and about in the community, they'll see an opportunity to just show a little kindness."

This marks the police service's second year participating in the kindness challenge. Last year's kind acts included food-bank donations and buying coffee for citizens, Duncan said.

Sometimes the smallest acts carry the most power, said Meredith Fraser, co-ordinator of the anti-hate and anti-bias program at London Urban Services Organization (LUSO).

LUSO issued its first kindness challenge in 2009.

That challenge, along with last year's, prompted a combined 106,760 acts.

"It's not about a number," Fraser said. "It's really about seeing a need, meeting that need and ... making a community that's resilient to hate."

On the web

▶ **Kindness challenge.** To report a kind act or to learn more about the 1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge, check out 1000acts.ca.

Wayne Gretzky to visit London for fundraiser

The Great One is coming to the Forest City.

Wayne Gretzky will be in London on Nov. 10 for a fundraising luncheon in support of the United Way.

The event, presented by TD Bank Group, will be held at the Hilton.

Tickets to see the NHL's all-time leading scorer are $99 and will go on sale through uwlondon.on.ca at 9 a.m. today.

The United Way also announced it has an increased Challenge Grant for this year's campaign.

Last year, four donors contributed $250,000 for a grant that was successfully matched by Londoners in just five weeks. This year, 11 donors have committed a record $360,000 to the Leadership Challenge Grant. The challenge grant will match dollar-for-dollar new contributions in excess of $1,000, essentially doubling donations.

In the midst of increasing social needs in the community, the Leadership Challenge Grant provides a significant boost to the 2011 campaign and could, if matched, potentially total an additional $720,000 investment for people in need.

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▶ Wayne Gretzky

$2.2M
The amount the United Way says it has raised toward its campaign goal of $8.5 million.

"Our campaign goal of $8.5 million is aggressive, but results to date are promising."
PAUL SEED, UNITED WAY'S 2011 CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Colleges see higher enrolments

More Ontario students are choosing to go to college.

The province's colleges recorded their highest-ever first-year enrolment this fall.

Colleges Ontario says first-year enrolment is up more than 20 per cent from five years ago.

More than 116,000 first-year college students started full-time classes this fall.

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Man accused of importing date-rape drug

A 20-year-old London man has been charged with trying to import gamma-butryolactone (GBL), which is commonly used to create GHB, also known as the date-rape drug.

Mark Trainor was arrested on Friday by the RCMP's London detachment.

Trainor is set to appear in a London court Dec. 2.

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Cash woes faced by hockey rink

The owners of a local hockey rink are skating on thin financial ice.

The London Ice Park, also known as Brookside Arena, owes millions of dollars and has entered into receivership.

The facility is owned by Rink Partners Corp., which also operates rinks in Windsor and Cambridge. Those rinks, along with the London location, are up for sale with a Nov. 14 deadline.

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Hairy pressure on Harper

Ottawa broadcasting students post YouTube video calling for PM to support Movember campaign ◐ Canadians raised $22.3 million last year

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The student-run radio station at Ottawa's Algonquin College is trying to convince Prime Minister Stephen Harper for a second time to grow a moustache in support of next month's Movember campaign.

The station might have to up the ante, though, after a government spokesperson said Harper's upper lip will stay bare this November.

"While the prime minister will not be growing a moustache this year, he does wish the organizers of this year's campaign every success in raising money and in increasing awareness of prostate cancer," read an email statement from Andrew MacDougall, the Prime Minister's Office associate director of communications.

▶ This promo poster shows the PM with a fake moustache.

CKDJ 107.9 program manager Ryan Gibson is confident he'll gather the 10,000 signatures he is seeking to convince the prime minister otherwise.

"He takes his role as a politician quite seriously, and I think, just for bringing attention to November, there's no other high-profile person in the country than the prime minister," said Gibson, who is also a radio broadcasting student.

The station tried the same campaign last year, but was unsuccessful. Money raised from the Canada-wide campaign will go to Prostate Cancer Canada.

Last November, a number of MPs grew moustaches in support of the Canadian campaign, including Liberal Justin Trudeau and New Democrat Peter Stoffer.

Gibson said people can sign his petition, which is available at facebook.com/ckdjmovember.

BRA Day to support breast cancer survivors

The very first BRA Day (Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day), takes place across the country tomorrow.

Led by reconstructive surgeons and key stakeholder groups, BRA day is intended to educate and promote awareness and access for post-mastectomy breast reconstruction via community-based events and a new online resource — bra-day.com.

"When I realized that I was going to have to undergo mastectomy, my attentions were focused on both my health and on my recovery following surgery," said breast cancer survivor Jodi Brown.

"Reconstructive surgery restored my self-esteem and made me feel complete again.

"I think it is important for every woman diagnosed with breast cancer to know her options early on and know that, after the emotional and physical hurdles, you can get back to being yourself."

In 2010, nearly 45,000 mastectomies were performed on breast cancer survivors in Canada.

About 92 per cent of those did not pursue breast reconstruction, despite the myriad of options available as an insured medical service in Canada.

For more information on the event, visit bra-day.com/events.php.

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Global 'Occupy' protests digging in

▶ A businessman sticks his tongue out in jest as he walks past tents erected by protesters from the Occupy London Stock Exchange group outside St Paul's Cathedral. Protesters in cities across the globe have taken part in rallies inspired by the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations in the United States, expressing their frustration at social inequality and corporate greed.

Momentum for the movement

NEW YORK. The month-old Occupy Wall Street movement enjoyed its new momentum yesterday. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed sympathy with the protesters, and even protest-averse China said some issues raised are worth considering.

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"We saw what the banks and financial institutions did to the economy. We bailed them out. And then they went about evicting people from their homes."

JOHN ST. LAWRENCE, FLORIDA REAL ESTATE LAWYER

Occupy protests head to court

UNITED STATES. Around the U.S., more than 350 people were arrested in a half-dozen cities during last weekend's protests. Also yesterday, civil rights activist Cornel West was scheduled to appear in court in Washington after being arrested Sunday.

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'Big splash' a financial flop

TORONTO. A call to make a "big splash" in the heart of Canada's financial district as the workweek began caused barely a ripple yesterday, but unfazed Occupy Bay Street protesters pledged to press their condemnation of the country's economic system.

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In New York, nearly $300,000 in cash has been donated through the movement's website and by visitors to the park. Donated goods range from blankets and sleeping bags to cans of food and medical and hygienic supplies. Supporters are shipping about 300 boxes a day.

For the long haul

- James Green, a spokesman for Occupy Nova Scotia, said yesterday the protesters planned to stay for the foreseeable future to push their message of social justice and economic equality.
- The dozens of people camped outside the Vancouver Art Gallery also said they were planning to stay for the long haul.

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Free apps at what cost?

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▶ A BlackBerry is shown last Wednesday in Chicago.

◗ RIM doesn't yet know financial impact of outage ◗ Company could lose about $26 million: Analyst

The co-CEO of Research In Motion says the BlackBerry maker doesn't know yet what the final price tag will be for last week's global email, text and Internet outage.

Jim Balsillie says the Waterloo, Ont., company hasn't calculated the cost of offering BlackBerry users $100 in free apps and doesn't know yet how it will impact its earnings.

One analyst has estimated that if RIM were to compensate all carriers and customers for the down time of the BlackBerry network, its earnings would be negatively affected by three to five cents per share in the current quarter — a total of about $26 million.

Balsillie also says that so far wireless carriers have not asked him for compensation for the outage, which affected areas such as Europe, Africa, the Middle East and North America for varying lengths of time.

He says the free apps to consumers actually cost $5, $10 and $15. Balsillie defended how RIM communicated the outage to the public, saying every minute doing public relations is time not spent fixing the problem.

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Free apps

- iSpeech Translator Pro: speech-recognition technology converts words, spoken or typed into the phone, into multiple languages.
- Drive Safely Enterprise: reads text and email messages aloud.
- Nobex Radio: streams AM, FM and Internet stations.
- Shazam Encore: premium version of song-recognition program displays lyrics with music.
- Vlingo Plus: Virtual Assistant: voice recognition allows users to text, update Facebook and other tasks.
- Photo Editor Ultimate: allows photo editing on the BlackBerry.
- Games: SIMS 3, Bejeweled, N.O.V.A., Texas Hold'em Poker 2, Bubble Bash 2.

NEW MENU ITEM

Get pasta on the go at Tim's

Tim Hortons is making room beside coffee, doughnuts and sandwiches on its menu for lasagna.

The restaurant chain says it will unveil the new pasta-to-go option with a beef lasagna casserole bowl starting Monday.

The move comes as Tim Hortons broadens its lunch menu in an attempt to keep customers from choosing competitors.

McDonald's has recently begun serving a broad selection of coffees alongside its regular menu while Starbucks offers an array of sandwiches and lunch packs.

Tim Hortons says the new product is intended to complement its hot soups and chili.

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German companies pledge for women

Germany's 30 top public companies pledged yesterday to increase the number of women who serve in top-level management positions during the next five years as the nation struggles to combat a shortage of qualified personnel by attracting more women to the workplace.

The pledges come six months after members of Chancellor Angela Merkel's government first sparked the idea that Germany lags far behind other industrialized nations in promoting women to its highest business positions — a problem it does not have on the political side.

Yet the government remains divided on the key issue of whether gender equality can and should be legislated.

Labour Minister Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the companies' efforts, but criticized them for falling short of what is needed to convince women that they can have a career in Germany that would be as rewarding as what they would be capable of abroad.

Germany ranks alongside India with only 2.2 per cent of women in boardrooms.

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▶ A customer shows his iPhone 4S.

iPhone 4S breaks sales record

Apple says it sold more than four million units of the new iPhone model in three days. It's selling more than twice as fast as the previous model when it launched last year.

Apple Inc. and its phone-company partners started selling the iPhone 4S on Friday in the U.S., Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Britain. That's two more launch countries than last year. There are also more phone companies selling the phone. In the U.S., Sprint Nextel Corp. is the new carrier.

When Apple launched the iPhone 4 last year, it sold 1.7 million in the first three days.

Apple shares fell $3 to $419 in afternoon trading at a new high of $426.70 earlier in the session.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold
- 158.7 (11,923.04)	- 1.12¢ ($97.84¢ US)	- $0.42 US ($86.38 US)	$3.688 (- $0.15)	$1,676.60 (- $6.40)

LIES MY TV TOLD ME

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
METRO

I grew up on a steady diet of sitcoms. Before the days of Angry Birds and social networking, I turned to cable television for my nightly fix of mindless entertainment. And even though the programs were fictional, the zany antics of attractive ensemble casts started seeming pretty plausible after the second or third rerun.

Here are seven sitcom myths I had to unlearn once I realized that real life isn't an after school special.

1. Having a career is just a plot device. Real people have jobs. You don't spend hours sipping cappuccinos and discussing your on-again, off-again love affairs in the middle of the afternoon; you actually have to work if you want to earn a living. Also, it's important to note that days at a real-life office aren't spent pranking each other with stationery in Jello moulds.

2. CHEERS: Where everybody knows your name. Your buddies don't hang out at one specific diner/coffee shop/bar all the time. Your social circle will be scattered across the city (or country) and you will rarely bump into your friends by chance. That's what Foursquare is for.

"Paleontologists do not look like Ross Geller. They just don't. On a related note: doctors don't look like Olivia Wilde and police officers rarely resemble Shemar Moore."

3. Everything you say is funny. Unlike situation comedies, your life doesn't come with a laugh track. If you make a bad joke, there is no guaranteed guffawing to validate you. In trying to come to terms with this, you may develop a nervous habit of chuckling after almost everything you say in an attempt encourage others to do the same. Or maybe that's just me? OK — moving on.

4. Everybody is attractive. Paleontologists do not look like Ross Geller. They just don't. On a related note: doctors don't look like Olivia Wilde and police officers rarely resemble Shemar Moore.

5. Ex-lovers only reappear in re-runs. Your ex-boyfriend is not a hunky guest star that disappears after a four-episode arc. You'll inevitably run into him, probably when you're on your way home from the gym or sick with a head cold.

6. Have you seen my awesome apartment? Twenty-somethings don't shack up with astonishingly attractive roommates in impossibly expensive 2,000-square-foot industrial lofts. It's more likely that you'll end up living in a modest rental unit with your parents' old furniture and a mouse problem.

7. Being single is the best! Singledom is hardly a slew of comical encounters with eccentric yet loveable characters; most first dates are awkward and entirely underwhelming — hilarity does not ensue. There are also plenty of lonely, miserable nights; they just don't show that on TV.

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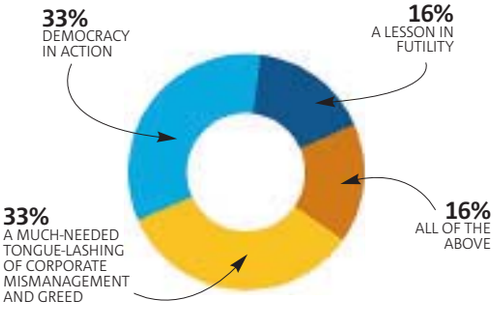
The Occupy Wall Street protests are:



Local tweets

- **@StJohn_N:** Any thoughts on an "After Party" location near the Convention Centre? Trying to find the right spot after the Innovation Awards. #ldnont
- **@DeniseTesta:** Peanut buttercup #coffee in my mug. What's in yours? #Ldnont
- **@k_ksmith:** Think I made up for my lack of sleep from the weekend. Up and at em... well not. Class 2-3 then dranks maybe? #martinibar #ldnont
- **@phrawr:** Srsly...grass trimmer at queens and Adelaide....can you get any closer? Didn't appreciate rocks hitting my car. #LDNont
- **@xtinarelke:** One practice question later and I already crawled back into bed.... Way too tired for this #stupidmidterms #uwo
- **@katherinejross:** first and only midterm - dunzo ... compliments of part time education #uwo
- **@children_museum:** Wow, we've almost hit 1300 followers on Twitter. Thanks for all the support everyone from our #ldnont to many countries around the world!

Letters

The 99 per cent that Occupiers represent are demanding change and are gaining supporters from all walks of life.

In the past, the North American and European economies were dependent on an automobile sector, decent wages and population growth. Not to mention a need for consumers to keep on spending to keep the economy going. What is happening now is literally the opposite.

The gap between the rich and the poor is increasing dramatically.

The population is aging and there are less working people to support the government and society. Corporations are outsourcing jobs to countries like China and India. There are less decent-paid jobs now and unemployment is increasing. The people are no longer earning $30.00 per hour unless you work for the government. This is reducing consumer spending, saving, and increasing debt. The population is basically scrambling for minimum-wage jobs.

Occupy Wall Street is an interesting phenomenon because it reflects this anxiety.

ALEX SANGHA
DELTA, B.C.

photo of the day

▶ This photo titled A Still More Glorious Dawn Awaits was submitted to the Imagination category by vanessapaxton from Toronto.

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WEIRD NEWS

'Excuse me officer, I was driving good'

Police say a Detroit-area man had his nine-year-old daughter drive him to the store because he had apparently been drinking.

Brownstown Township Detective Lt. Robert Grant said yesterday the girl was sitting behind the wheel in a child's booster seat before 3 a.m. on Oct. 8 when an officer opened the driver's side door of the full-sized panel van her father uses for work.

Grant tells the Detroit Free Press newspaper the girl said to the officer: "What did you stop me for? I was driving good."

Someone called police after spotting the pair stopped at a gas station. The caller watched the girl get in the driver's seat and pull the vehicle onto the road.

"She's driving pretty good, I'm telling ya. I can't believe it," the man told the dispatcher.

The father was arrested and is facing several charges, including second-degree child abuse.

The daughter told officers her father had been drinking whiskey all night and took her out to drive."Very sweet, intelligent little girl," Grant said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Smashing the past

Billy Corgan talks new tour and his desire to bring the Smashing Pumpkins into the present

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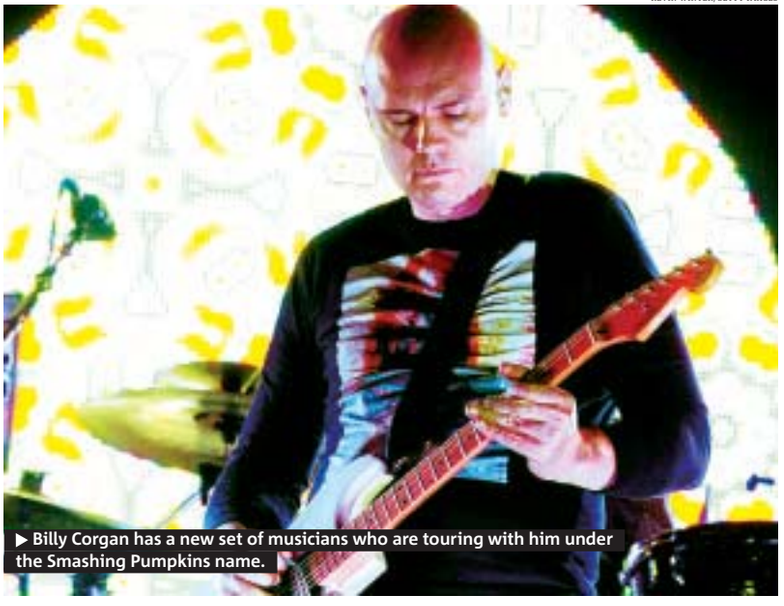


▶ Billy Corgan has a new set of musicians who are touring with him under the Smashing Pumpkins name.

Billy Corgan is one of the titans of the '90s alternative rock scene. He's a polarizing figure in some circles, having issued a few controversial remarks in the past regarding his ex-band mates, with whom he no longer tours. But with a new set of musicians touring under the Smashing Pumpkins name, Corgan wants to bring the band into the present with his latest tour.

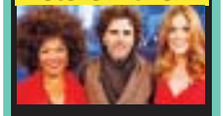
Does the music you write under the Smashing Pumpkins name differ from material you've written as Zwan or your self-titled work?
It's weird because the whole idea with the Pumpkins originally that evolved in the early days was more that it was supposed to be kind of an experimental excitement kind of thing whereas away from the Pumpkins, I tend to write a little bit more traditional music. [It's] probably a little more obvious in a way. For whatever reason, the Smashing Pumpkins, the idea of the band or the spirit of the band, has always pushed me to force myself out of my comfort zone. If it's just me, Billy Corgan, I guess I want to try different things. There's something about the way the band was formed as being in awe of rock 'n' roll but also wanting to destroy rock 'n' roll. That spirit still pervades everything that goes on with the Pumpkins. Somehow that only seems to exist under that banner.

So then, how does one destroy rock 'n' roll?
Maybe it's different now, but let's say 20 years ago there was sort of an unwritten rule that you don't talk about how fake rock 'n' roll really was. If you saw this interview with Iggy Pop and he was talking about these amazing books he was reading, people would scratch their heads and say, 'I thought he was kind of stupid and rolled around in glass.' They would be disappointed. So the Pumpkins came along and were willing to poke holes, particularly in the indie alternative world, in the facetiousness of the whole thing, this idea that we were all living in vans down by the river. It was this kind of fantasy that musicians were a subterranean class, were able to create works of incredible beauty or something. So we were just like, oh f— all that.

Where do you see innovation happening in music?
Honestly, I think in terms of predicting something, the future of rock 'n' roll is probably in mixed media. Because it always starts in the basement with a 16-year-old. What can she do to actually change rock 'n' roll? Maybe she figures out a very cheap, easy but creative way of combining moving image, a personal vision, and music. So imagine like, a 16-year-old girl puts out a 20 minute film that she did on her own of moving images, songs that she created and suddenly, a million teenage boys and girls connect to what she's doing, not just because of the song, but also the way she's cut the music and the sound effects, like a personal statement of her world but more three dimensional than say just music is.
I think that's the future of rock 'n' roll.

In going into your back catalog as you kind of have to, are there any songs that you love playing again and are there songs you'd never play again?
Honestly, every time I tour, I look at the whole list and I go with what I feel. Songs we're playing on this tour, some songs I haven't played in like 17 years.

Scene in brief



Opera star Measha Brueggergosman and songwriter Stephan Moccio will join Martin Short on the Canada's Got Talent judging panel. Citytv also announced that Toronto TV personality Dina Pugliese will host the show. Brueggergosman is a Juno-winning soprano. Moccio is known for writing the song I Believe for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.
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E! News' host Giuliana Rancic says she has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

DVD Releases

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Green Lantern
Genre: Action
Director: Martin Campbell
Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard
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Canada's Ryan Reynolds shines dimly as the Green Lantern, the summer actioner of the same name based on the DC Comic and directed by Martin Campbell.

Reynolds is Hal Jordan, a cocky test pilot who busts up billion-dollar prototypes just for the hell of it. Oh, and to impress Carol Ferris (Blake Lively) who plays a corporate scold, frustrated pilot and Jordan's occasional bedmate.

The buffed-up Reynolds proves to be an inspired hire. His Jordan manages to keep a straight face when he meets a dying purple alien who hands him a Crackerjack toy ring and advises: "The ring chose you."

Reynolds shows promise in the role, if future installments of what's sure to be a franchise are able to scrape away some of the digital green goo that threatens to drown this film.
PETER HOWELL

Bad Teacher
Genre: Comedy
Director: Jake Kasdan
Stars: Cameron Diaz, Jason Segel, Justin Timberlake
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Bad Teacher instructs us that Cameron Diaz needs to return to comedy school: being pitiful isn't the same as being funny.

She plays Elizabeth, a seventh-grade English teacher at a suburban Illinois middle school. She's a free-spending floozy with a substance-abuse problem, untreated chronic depression and a near-sociopathic disregard for the needs and feelings of others, especially her students and fellow teachers. Writers Gene Stupnitsky and Lee Eisenberg (vets of TV's The Office) surround Elizabeth with one-dimensional sitcom types: a butt-covering principal (John Michael Higgins), an introvert with esteem issues (Lynn Davies), an extrovert with control issues (a game Lucy Punch) and a naïve supply teacher (Justin Timberlake, a former Diaz beau) who is as dim as a small appliance bulb.

Despite the extra talent, the main comedic course load falls to Diaz, who proves unable to bear the burden under Jake Kasdan's flat direction.

It's too bad for Diaz. She badly needed a hit after recent duds like The Green Hornet and Knight and Day.
PETER HOWELL

‘We’re terrified of facing ourselves’

Star Trek actor Zachary Quinto reveals sexuality Hopes to inspire others to be proud of who they are

For the first time, Zachary Quinto has opened up about being gay, explaining in an interview with New York magazine how much starring in the AIDS-themed Angels in America has affected him, calling it the “most challenging thing I’ve ever done as an actor, and the most rewarding.

At the same time, as a gay man, it made me feel like there’s still so much work to be done, and there’s still so many things that need to be looked at and addressed.”

Quinto, who had previously refrained from comment on his sexuality, says he was compelled to do so after the suicide of bullied 14-year-old Jamie Rodemeyer.

“As a gay man, I look at that and say there’s a hopelessness that surrounds it,” he says. “But as a human being I look at it and say, ‘Why? Where’s this disparity coming from, and why can’t we as a culture and society dig deeper to examine that?’ We’re terrified of facing ourselves.”

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▶ Zachary Quinto

Celebrity tweets

@ZacharyQuinto

“i have spent the day in awe of this outpouring of support and resonance. we. are. in. this. together. NEVER FORGET! i am deeply moved. ”

@AlecBaldwin

“Sitting in a restaurant with @hilariathomas and some VERY drunk people are railing against progressive politics. Madre Mia!!!!!!”

@JerrySeinfeld

“Wolf Blitzer beard. Grow it in. Shave it off. I don’t care. Just do something. Can’t take it anymore.”

@GarryShandling

“I like Herman Cain because if elected you get another president for half-price.”

Iconic actress remembered by loved ones

Elizabeth Taylor was honoured by friends and family at a memorial event held on the Warner Bros. lot in Burbank over the weekend, according to People magazine.

Hosted by Colin Farrell, the event was attended by Taylor’s children Michael and Christopher Wilding, Liza Tivey and Maria Burton, and stepdaughter Kate Burton, as well as friends such as Michael Caine and Elton John, who performed at the ceremony.

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Osbourne uses show to take pot shots at old rival

Kelly Osbourne clearly hasn’t gotten over the teasing she claims to have received from Christina Aguilera over the years, and she’s using her E! show, Fashion Police, to get some payback.

“She called me fat for years. I was never that fat,” Osbourne commented while showing unflattering photos of Aguilera performing at a Michael Jackson benefit concert in Wales last week.

Her co-host, Joan Rivers, also got in on the act, adding, “Lady Marmalade got into the peanut butter again.”

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▶ Kelly Osbourne

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New study shows

Ten per cent of women worry more about their waistline than they do about their relationship. The survey revealed that these women admitted they felt guiltier cheating on their diet on their partner.
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UK medical group rejects 1st drug to extend lives for patients with advanced skin cancer

ISTOCK PHOTOS

▶ Before you take on barefoot running, be sure to ease into it.

Benefits of barefoot

Running sans shoes has been catching on more in fitness circles But there are questions about why it could be good for you Experts suggest easing into a new style to avoid injury

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Is barefoot beautiful?

It's becoming more common to see people running with bare feet or wearing super-light shoes.

But should you toe the line?

To find out if this is a more "natural" way to run, Metro contacted Dr. Reed Ferber (PhD), director of the Running Injury Clinic and an associate professor in kinesiology at the University of Calgary.

He believes at the moment the trend is driven more by marketing than health.

"There is no research to support that running barefoot, or in a minimalist shoe, will improve performance or reduce injury risk," he says.

Given time, research might reveal benefits. Dr. Dan Lieberman in the department of human evolutionary biology at Harvard University is studying how the naked foot lands during running versus how the shod foot lands, and what impact this has on the body.

He is trying to figure out why humans apparently need fancy shoes to run when they ran without them for eons.

One theory is that some people don't need elevated and highly cushioned heels because they land on their mid-foot or forefoot rather than their heel.

Dr. Ferber estimates that less than 10 per cent of the population has the proper anatomical alignment, adequate ankle stabilizer strength, and calf muscle flexibility to run in a barefoot-style shoe.

"The rest are at risk for injury unless they transition properly," he says.

If you are interested in switching to barefoot running, Dr. Ferber recommends easing into it over four to six weeks and taking a few months to regain your pre-switch mileage.

It's also important to do gentle calf raises after running to strengthen calves, which will be impacted differently when you run barefoot.

Best Health Minute

BONNIE MUNDAY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, BEST HEALTH MAGAZINE

The truth about parabens

When you see 'Paraben free' on a beauty product's label, you might assume that parabens are a bad thing.

But it's not as clear cut as that, and it's a subject that our beauty editor Rhonda Rovan explores in the October issue of Best Health.

For example, is there truth to the claims that these synthetic preservatives — which extend a product's life by stopping fungus, bacteria and other microbes from growing in creams and makeup, especially in the moist, warm environment of a bathroom — cause cancer?

What does Health Canada say?

In products without parabens as a preservative, the replacement is often another chemical preservative, called phenoxyethanol.

Is it better and safer?

And what about natural preservatives like turmeric, clove bud, rosemary, etc; are they effective, and are they a practical solution?

It's a fascinating subject, because without preservatives, we may all end up with refrigerators in our bathrooms that store our products so they don't spoil.

The answers to the above questions, and much more, are in Rhonda's hefty feature in the Look Great section of the October issue, which is on newsstands now.

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Czech & Hungarian flavours

Marienbad Restaurant and Chaucer's Pub share a space and offer delicious meal options such as raw Beef Tartar, Goulash and Chicken Paprikash

LUNCH RUSH

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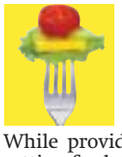

Chaucer's, housed with Marienbad, brings to London a taste of Europe. While providing a homey setting for hearty helpings of Czech and Hungarian fare, the restaurant could deliver more value to its pricier pub menu.

The decor, highlighted by wood paneling, a long bar, and a sunlit interior courtyard, is pleasing to the eye but could use sprucing up. We choose the welcoming and sunny street-side patio instead.

The selections feature hearty old-world appetizers like Liver Paté ($6.99) and raw Beef Tartar ($9.99). My Goulash ($15.49) arrives quickly accompanied by Bohemian dumplings — little more than warm doughy bread. They are perfect vehicles for the rich soulful stew and its tender chunks of beef. My guest's Chicken Paprikash ($15.49) is delicious with paprika but the nice spaetzle should be warmer.

When you want a comfortable ambiance and a filling meal to accompany conversation, Chaucer's is the mellow place for it.

Marienbad Restaurant & Chaucer's Pub
122 Carling St.
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Price range: $7.49 - $15.49
Rating: 4 out of 5

PAUL MITCHELL

▶ Chicken Paprikash ($15.49)

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Chokladboll (Scandinavian treat)

Preparation:

1. In bowl of food processor, pulse oats, sugar and cocoa powder to combine. Add vanilla and butter and pulse again, to mix. Add coffee and pulse until mix has come together. Remove blade and give mix a stir. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. Place coconut in a shallow dish, such as a pie tin. Roll chocolate-oat mixture into 3-cm (1 1/4-inch) balls, then roll each in the coconut. Refrigerate in an airtight container.

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Ingredients:

- 875 ml (3 1/2 cups) quick oats
- 250 ml (1 cup) sugar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cocoa powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 150 ml (10 tbsp) butter, room temperature
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cold coffee
- Shredded coconut

HOW TO DEAL WITH INAPPROPRIATE CONVERSATION

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What do I do in situations where, in a social group, somebody starts to say something totally inappropriate for the situation and I need to interrupt the speech, and talk about something more neutral. Or somebody asks questions I do not wish to answer. In both cases I need to be very polite but do not know what to do or say. Please help. Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

It can be very uncomfortable when you are with a group of people and someone begins to say or ask inappropriate topics of conversation.

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▶ Speak up. Don't be silent.

First, try to draw as little attention to the matter as possible. I would say nothing and as soon as the person is finished talking, I would immediately go back to the conversation at hand.

If this person continues to say things publicly that make you uncomfortable, your best bet is to speak with this person privately and mention that these questions they ask make you uncomfortable and could they please respect your privacy and not ask such things.

HAVE A QUESTION? EMAIL CHARLES AT ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA.

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE ON MORTGAGE BROKERS?

FUN AND FRUGAL

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There are over 400 types of mortgage products on the market and it's hard to know whether you're selecting the right one. That's why Canadians are using independent mortgage brokers at an alarming rate because mortgage brokers can save you time and money!

An independent mortgage broker isn't tied to any financial institution and instead works on behalf of you, the client, rather than the lender. Because they are not employees of a lending institution, mortgage brokers are not limited in the product they can offer you.

They can seek out the best mortgage options to suit your specific situation, from a multitude of lenders — banks, trusts, private companies, or insurance firms. Their primary role is to provide unbiased mortgage options and advice to clients.

Mortgage brokers can get better deals on mortgages, terms and rates because they have direct access to lenders. Once you've met with one, they'll prepare a funding proposal and shop it around to get the best and most appropriate mortgage options.

Brokers with strong networks can often get nearly instant approvals and they can negotiate better rates and terms on your behalf.

In the vast majority of cases, clients don't have to pay for the services of a mortgage broker. Instead, when the broker matches a lender with a buyer and a mortgage is placed, the broker is paid by the lender. Their paycheque is based on the size of the mortgage, not the rate.

Major financial institutions have groups of in-house "mortgage brokers". But they're different from independent brokers as they sell clients mortgage products that are exclusive to the bank. If you're keen to stay loyal to your bank, you can ask your independent mortgage broker to negotiate specifically with your financial institution.

Be careful who you choose to work with. Not all brokers are great and have their client's best interests in mind. Get referrals from trusted friends or family members. Research current rates and structures in advance of meeting with a broker. That way you'll have some idea of what you're hoping to achieve and can clearly communicate it.

Be a money-smart mama

Whether you're single or partnered, you need a plan

Among the 2,115 Canadians who participated in the 2011 Desjardins Financial Security Health Survey, 67 per cent said that an illness would make them financially vulnerable. Another 77 per cent who live with children were afraid that they would use up their savings during recovery, leaving no money for their children's education.

"What's interesting is that women today are able to assert their independence by their lifestyle and career choices, but many still find financial planning to be very stressful," said Janey Leslie, a certified financial planner with Desjardins Financial Security.

"Statistically, women live longer than men, they play a key role in family care-giving and decision-making, but they are often in a more vulnerable financial position."

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▶ Financial preparedness is essential for mothers.

Every working mother with dependants should have a financial safety plan that includes three distinct layers, says Leslie.

1. Disability insurance: It's a valuable, must-have protection that pays a regular benefit based on the person's monthly salary, which can be used to cover every-day financial commitments.

2. Extended medical insurance: Even with the protection of disability insurance, many women are not able to pay for all of the drugs and treatments associated with a serious illness. And it's important to point out that they also may not be covered by their provincial health care system.

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Leafs fall to Avs in overtime

Colorado's David Jones scores winner early in OT ◆ Kessel, Kulemin notch goals for Toronto

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▶ Leafs goalie James Reimer lies on the ice after allowing an overtime goal by Colorado's David Jones, not pictured.

David Jones scored at 1:11 of overtime last night as the Colorado Avalanche defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2.

Jones buried the rebound of a Kyle Quincey shot past Toronto goalie James Reimer.

Daniel Winnik and Milan Hejduk had the other Colorado goals, while Phil Kessel and Nikolai Kulemin replied for the Maple Leafs.

The loss was Toronto's first of the season after three wins to start the campaign.

Meanwhile, the Avalanche ended off their longest road trip of the season with a perfect 5-0-0 record. It's their first perfect road trip of that length in club history.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere started in goal for Colorado against his former team. The netminder, who signed a two-year deal with the Avalanche in the summer, was the Leafs' opening night starter last season.

After a scoreless first period, Kessel got the Leafs on the board just 19 seconds into the second. The sniper led a Toronto rush and ripped a shot past Giguere's shoulder after crossing the blue-line.

Colorado tied it just over three minutes later at 3:31. Ryan O'Reilly brought the puck into the Leafs zone before passing back to a trailing Winnik, whose low shot beat Reimer.

Leafs had a chance to take the lead later in the period, but Kulemin missed a chance at an empty net when Giguere was out of position and Clarke MacArthur was stopped on a follow-up chance.

Colorado's second goal came on the power play with just over five minutes left in the second. With Tyler Bozak in the box for interference, Hejduk let a shot go from the right side that beat Reimer. The puck got through the traffic in front and just squeezed through a gap between Reimer's left arm and leg.

Kulemin tied it up with just less than five minutes left in the third.

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Kessel honoured

Phil Kessel was named the first star for the opening week of the NHL season after scoring five goals and eight points in three games.

- Notoriously shy, he answered only a handful of questions after receiving the honour Monday morning and largely deflected the praise to his teammates..
- "I'm just going out there and playing the game and doing whatever it takes to get wins," he said.
- He was selected over New York Islanders forward John Tavares and Dallas Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen.

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Crash survivors

Two IndyCar drivers were released from a Las Vegas hospital yesterday after overnight treatment for injuries suffered the fiery crash that killed Dan Wheldon.

- IndyCar spokeswoman Amy Konrath says Pippa Mann had surgery for a burn to her right pinkie finger and will require a second surgery in two to three weeks and JR Hildebrand has a severely bruised sternum.

Fans honour Wheldon in Indy

SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

▶ A racing fan leaves a tribute to Dan Wheldon at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway yesterday.

Dan Wheldon's biggest fans wanted one more chance to thank their favourite driver yesterday.

They turned Indianapolis Motor Speedway's main gate into a memorial for the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, who was killed Sunday in a fiery crash in Las Vegas. Less than 24 hours later, the iron bars at IMS were decorated with flowers, notes of condolence, checkered flags, American and British flags and even half-gallon milk jugs, symbolic of the traditional victory drink at Indy.

"I wouldn't run them on ovals. There's just no need to."

FIVE-TIME NASCAR CHAMPION JIMMIE JOHNSON WHO CALLED ON INDYCAR TO STOP RACING ON OVALS IN THE WAKE OF DAN WHELDON'S DEATH. JOHNSON BELIEVES THE INDYCARS ARE BUILT FOR STREET CIRCUITS AND ROAD COURSES, AND DRIVE TOO FAST TO RACE ON OVALS.

It was Indy where the 33-year-old Wheldon had his greatest successes and the most devoted fan-base outside his native England.

He won the Indianapolis 500 driving for Michael Andretti's team in 2005 and won it again in May for Bryan Herta's team.

Track officials lowered the flags above the main office to half-staff, and later in the afternoon hung a five-foot by 30-foot banner with Wheldon posing with Indy's Borg-Warner trophy.

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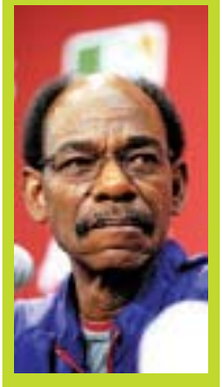

"We weren't very happy with the results, and we certainly knew that we were a better team than we showed."

TEXAS MANAGER RON WASHINGTON WHOSE RANGERS ARE HEADING INTO THEIR SECOND-STRAIGHT WORLD SERIES IN GAME 1 VERSUS THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS TOMORROW NIGHT.

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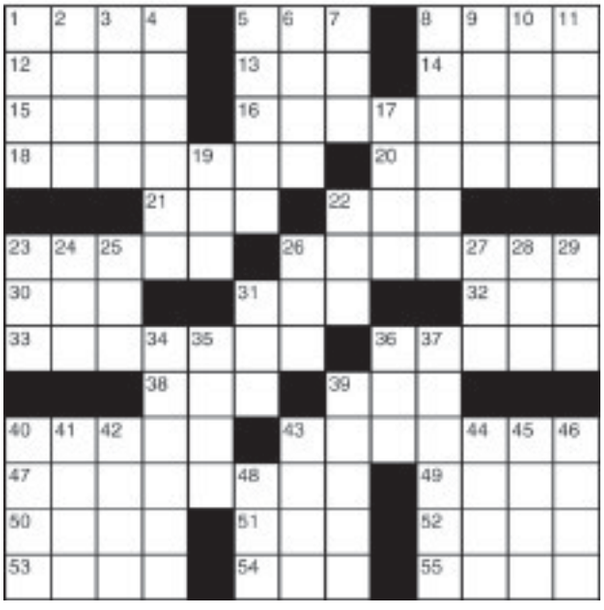

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5 Antiquated
8 Pulsate
12 Right angles
13 Kids' pie filling?
14 Eastern potentate
15 Go sightseeing
16 Pose
18 Embassy employee
20 Actress Spacek
21 Historic period
22 Conclusion
23 Without pizzazz
26 Try
30 Born
31 Playwright Levin
32 — constrictor
33 Lure
36 Choir rendition
38 "Hail!"
39 Total
40 Ecru
43 "Way to go!"
47 Lawyer
49 Anger
50 Humdinger
51 Web address
52 Up to
53 Scottish garment
54 Sock part
55 "That's one small — ..."

Down

1 Transcending (Pref.)
2 Oodles
3 Excessive supply
4 Where Tel Aviv is
5 Nebraska city
6 Minstrel's instrument
7 Banned pesticide
8 Happen as if by fate
9 Flightless flock
10 Lends a hand
11 Deuce defeater
17 "— It Romantic?"
19 Weep
22 Greek H
23 "CSI" evidence
24 Pensioned (Abbr.)
25 Nevertheless
26 Illustrations
27 Degree for a CEO
28 D.C. figure
29 53-Across wearer's hat
31 Lemieux milieu
34 Spicy stew
35 Maintain
36 Deposit
37 Intellect
39 Fashion
40 Abruptly refuse
41 Needle case
42 "— be OK"
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44 Fisherman's enticement
45 Look lasciviously
46 Shrill bark
48 Eccentric

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you have fallen out with someone, your first priority is to get back on good terms with them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Someone you have dealings with will be rather aggressive today and you may be tempted to respond in kind. Don't.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Creatively and artistically you will be on top of your game today, so do something truly extraordinary.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may have to get tough with someone but if you don't they will most likely make a mess of something that affects you directly.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your communication makes it easy for you to win others round to your way of thinking.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You will get an offer today that could bring you a lot more money and prestige.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Look out for your own interests and pay no attention to those who say you should be helping them more.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be tempted to give up on something, but the planets warn if you stop now you will regret it later, so keep going.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Save yourself for the things and the people that really matter.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone in a position of authority will be glad to assist you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Everything seems to be going well for you at the moment and life will be hugely enjoyable over the next few days.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You may or may not grow rich over the next few days but Lady Luck is smiling on you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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